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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 05154

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR PEPR SO KE ET EG
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN DETENTION OF KENYAN AIRCRAFT

REF: CAIRO 5121 (NOTAL)

1. HAVE OBTAINED SOME FURTHER DETAILS OF TWO KENYAN AIRCRAFT BEING HELD BY EGYPTIANS PENDING RELEASE OF EGYPTIAN BOEING 707 WHICH KENYANS FORCED DOWN YESTERDAY.

2. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS REGULAR KENYA AIR FLIGHT FROM NAIROBI TO LONDON, WHICH LANDED AT CAIRO 0300 TODAY FOR REFUELING AND WHICH EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT PERMIT TO PROCEED. THE OTHER IS THE REGULAR KENYA AIR LONDON TO NAIROBI FLIGHT WHICH DOES NOT NORMALLY PUT DOWN IN CAIRO, BUT WAS FORCED TO DO SO THIS MORNING. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSENGERS ON BOTH FLIGHTS TO PROCEED TO DESTINATION ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING WORKED OUT BY GOE, PRESUMABLY VIA EGYPT AIR.

3. KENYAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TWO KENYAN AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED UNTIL THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT IS RELEASED BY THE KENYAN AUTHORITIES. KENYAN AMBASSADOR HAS REPORTED EGYPTIAN POSITION TO
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NAIROBI AND HAS URGED THAT EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT BE RELEASED WITHOUT DELAY.

4. UK AMBASSADOR MORRIS, WHO WAS ALSO CALLED BY ACTING FONMIN BOUTROS GHALI LAST NIGHT WITH REQUEST THAT HMG USE "GOOD OFFICES" WITH KENYA TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT, TOLD GHALI THIS MORNING THAT IT IS

DIFFICULT FOR HMG TO ASSIST FOLLOWING EGYPTIAN ACTION IN
DETAINING TWO KENYAN AIRCRAFT. AS YET MORRIS HAS NO
INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON ON WHAT REPLY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR HMG INTERCESSION WITH KENYANS.
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